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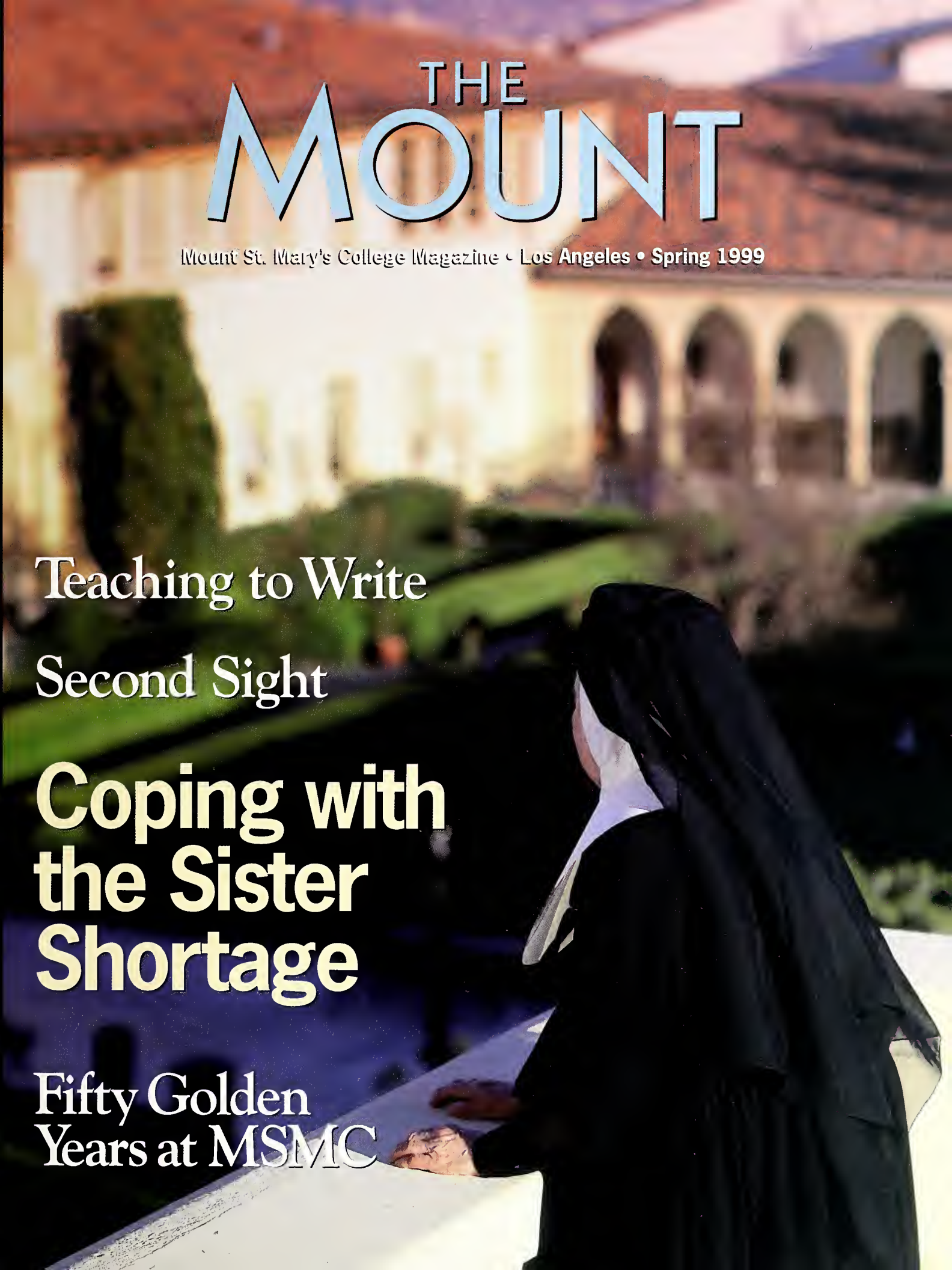

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Education: A Right or a Privilege?

by Karen McKnight–Compton '87

Karen McKnight-Compton is the former manager of the Minority- and Women-owned Business Outreach Program for a major Southern California utility. She holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Mount St. Mary's College and is presently marketing director for an international engineering company.

Until the mid-1800s, formal college educations were reserved for a privileged few, usually Anglo males from wealthy families. With the establishment of one of the nation's first all women's colleges, Mills, in 1852 and the first Black college, Howard University in 1867, women and minorities attempted to obtain educational parity in separate but equal institutions.

These colleges and universities stood in the educational gap of society and provided vocational and agricultural training in order that women and people of color could be meaningful contributors to society. Yet, attending any institution of higher learning was still a privilege, not a right, reserved for those who could afford it. In the late 1950s that situation began to change.

State and federal loan and grant programs made education "affordable" to the common person. In the early 1960s, affirmative action programs went one step further to fund educational/employment goals for women and minorities.

Unfortunately, the progress that we, as a society, have made in the last several decades in educating women and people of color has been and continues to be threatened. It has been two years since California's anti-affirmative action measure, Proposition 209, passed.

Since California's Supreme Court upheld the initiative's constitutionality in April 1997, the state's largest public education system, the University of California, has eliminated efforts to increase enrollment among minorities and women. The results have been staggering. As one source reports, UCLA's African American and Latino enrollments declined by as much as 43 percent and 33 percent, respectively. Similar declines are also reported for Berkeley, Davis and San Diego.

Nationally, at least 15 states and the federal government introduced similar anti-affirmative action legislation. Many of these proposed measures have been defeated, including the federal legislation introduced by the Chair of the House Education Subcommittee on Children, Youth and Families, which failed to win House approval in May 1996. Although it was defeated, its introduction sent shockwaves throughout a number of minority and non-minority communities, suggesting that no institution, public or private, was immune to the introduction or passage of such measures. Passage of this bill would have had a devastating effect on not only women's colleges but historically Black colleges and universities, since it would have prohibited any institution receiving federal funds such as Pell Grants, whether public or private, from using race and gender-specific criteria in their admissions decisions.

Women's and minority institutions have played and continue to play a critical role in the development of our society. Measures like Proposition 209 and dozens of others like it have not only threatened to undermine their role but the roles of women and people of color. It is indeed tragic to think that we could allow the hands of time to be turned back to the point where education would yet again be reserved for the privileged few. It is even more tragic to think that, by failing to actively participate in the political process, we could be missing out on the genius of the next Caesar Chavez, Thurgood Marshall or Marian Wright Edelman. Ⓜ

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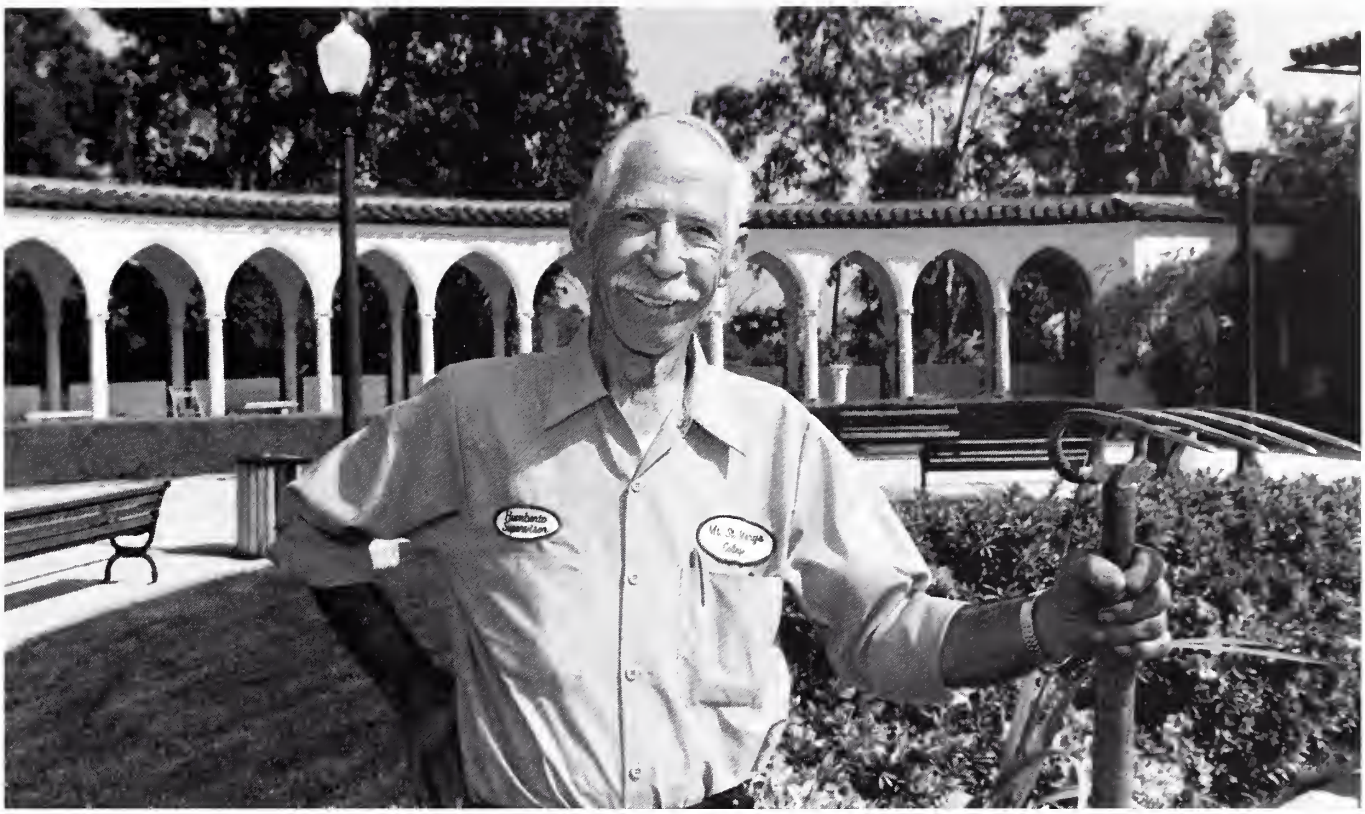

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Soto Remembers 50 Golden Years

Speaking only three words of English, "coffee" and "chili beans," Humberto Soto arrived at the Mount from Tijuana, Mexico, to wash pots and pans on a two-week assignment in 1946. Little did he know then that he would still be employed at the College a half century later. Soon after his arrival, the shy 17-year-old won the heart of Sister Berenice Coyne who asked him to stay on and found living quarters for him on campus. He became a breakfast cook and performed small repairs for the sisters as a part-time employee and was hired full time in May 1949.

"The Chalon Campus looked like a beautiful hacienda the first time I saw it; it was about half the size it is today and a lot more rustic," he recalls.

The Mount became his home, so much so that he lived on campus even after he was married and had a home of his own. He left only on weekends for 26 years.

The only Mount staff member to ever celebrate 50 years of service, Soto, currently the maintenance and ground supervisor for the Chalon Campus, has held many responsibilities in the food service and physical plant departments. He has worked with seven of the 10 Mount presidents and has seen the Chalon Campus double in size and Chester Place transformed from a quiet residential street to the vibrant Doheny Campus.

Soto has fond memories of the days when busloads of novices were brought to the campus each summer to help with the cleaning. "There were young sisters dressed in black and white habits everywhere, washing windows, scrubbing floors and polishing everything in sight," he says.

The most memorable moment of his career was on Nov. 6, 1961, the day of the Bel Air fire. After he helped evacuate everyone to St. Martin of Tours Church on Sunset Boulevard, he arrived back on

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Humberto Soto takes great pride in keeping the Chalon Campus perfectly manicured.

DR. ERIC STEMP, assistant professor, biochemistry, recently was awarded a grant of up to $250,000 from the National Science Foundation for research and new equipment.

DR. CARLA BARTLETT, associate professor, education, was a nominee and finalist for the 1998 Distinguished Teacher Educator Award from the State of California Association of Teacher Educators.

DALE AVERS, instructor, physical therapy master's program, was featured in "Spotlight on California's Leaders" in the November issue of the California Chapter Physical Therapy Association Newsletter.

MARIA LYONS, director, student activities and community liaison for the Doheny Campus, recently received the Community Excellence Award from the Los Angeles Police Department, Southwest Division, and the University of Southern California. Ⓜ

GERSON BENDER

Humberto Soto with Sister Magdalen Coughlin in earlier days.

Always on the job. Humberto in the '70s (right).

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campus to see Richard Nixon, who lived on Bundy Drive while preparing for the 1962 California governor's race, trying to help the firefighters put out the raging flames that burned Rossiter Hall and the Marian Hall of Fine Arts. Sadly, he remembers how the paintings of Sister Ignatia Cordis and two rooms filled with musical instruments were destroyed.

Soto has garnered knowledge about the College's grounds and infrastructure over the years that have made him invaluable.

"Humberto can recall repairs we've had on campus that we don't have records for," says Julio Herrera, director of physical plant. "He is the only one who knows exactly where most of the pipes and electrical connections are and we always seek his advice before starting work on these lines."

Bill Everhart, former vice president for business and finance, believes that Humberto sets the record at the College for longevity. "At a time when others would retire, Humberto is still doing incredible tasks each day," he says. "He is an extremely dedicated employee who has done so much for the College."

But Soto has no plans to retire—he doesn't even want to think about it. "I can still do a good day's work," he says. "The Mount is my life." Ⓜ

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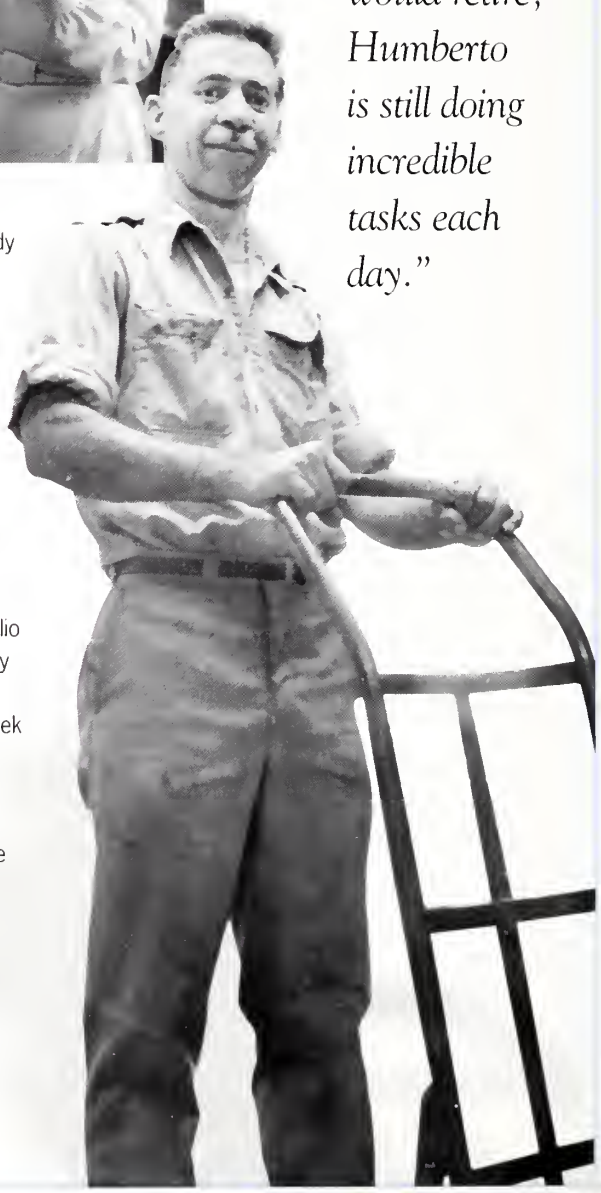
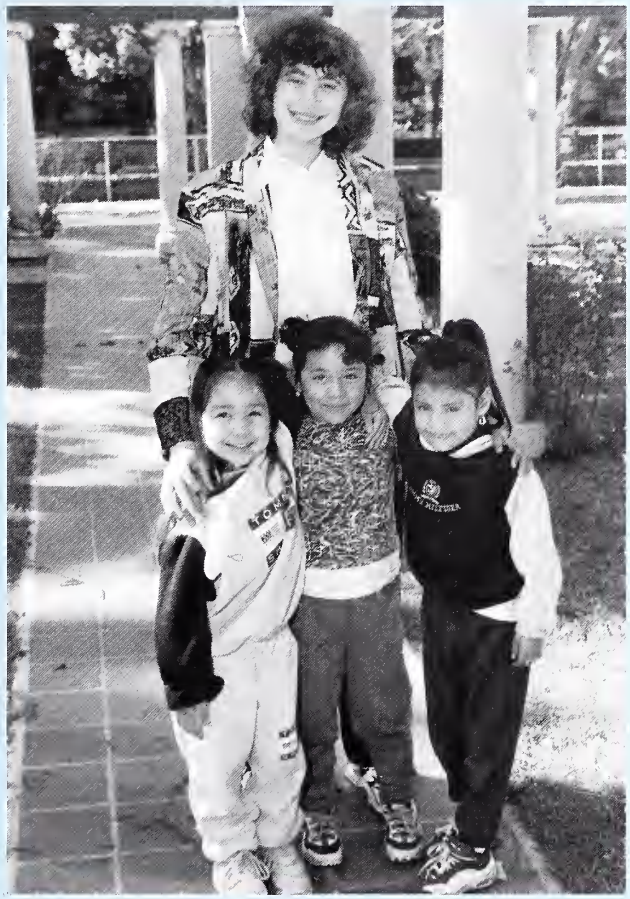


Grooming Special Students for the Workforce

Kira Prodelaylo is a bright young woman. She knows how to dance ballet and play the piano, and she masters algebra, chemistry and physics. Recently, she completed training at the Mount's Child Development Center to earn her California Child Care Assistant Credential. It's hard to believe Prodelaylo has cerebral palsy.

A few years ago, developmentally disabled students like Prodelaylo were ostracized from society. If they were employed at all, it was by special workshops through non-profit agencies. But that's changing. Following a nationwide trend, Mount St. Mary's is grooming these students for mainstream jobs—and some of them are rising above all expectations.

"Kira is a mentally gifted young lady who happens to have cerebral palsy," says Gerard Barnes, a special education teacher in Community Based Instruction at Lanterman High School, which is next door to the Doheny Campus. "She is the first student at Lanterman to earn her child care certification, something that was unheard of a few years back."



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Kira Prodelaylo with children at the Child Development Center.

According to Barnes, the Mount was the first venue to open its doors to Lanterman students six years ago and provide them with opportunities for job training through the Community Based Instruction program. "Through this experience students learn skills such as grooming, being punctual, getting along with others and taking direction," he says.

"The students are very good with the children," says Genie Sabado '79, assistant director and teacher at the Child Development Center. "They help with activities in the classroom and sometimes even help on the computer. The preschoolers express their concern when they don't come to the Center," she says.

Before they are assigned to departments at the Mount, Lanterman students undergo a rigorous screening process which helps in placing them in a workplace environment that matches their interests. In addition to the Child Development Center, Lanterman students work in physical plant and food services on the Doheny Campus.

"The goal is to teach them job skills that will take them as far in their careers as they want to go or as is feasible for them," says Barnes. And students such as Prodelaylo are enjoying every minute of it. "I like reading to the kids, playing on the floor with them and tying shoes—but the best part is the happy, tired feeling I get at the end of the day," she says. Ⓜ

Dear Editor:

As a graduate of the Master of Physical Therapy program at Mount St. Mary's College, I have been repeatedly disappointed by the lack of recognition the college and its publications have given the physical therapy program.

While attending the program I also lived on campus. I can assure you that, while the college itself often seems not to recognize our presence, the physical therapy students have always been quite conspicuous on campus. We spend just as much time as the undergraduates do (sometimes more) getting to know the many employees of the fitness center, the cafeteria, the library, the bookstore, and the copy center. Surely we contribute our fair share of tuition and fees. Yet, I thumb through every issue of The Mount hoping to read about some of my former instructors, fellow alumni, or current issues pertaining to the program, and I find none of these.

The graduates of the Master of Physical Therapy program at Mount St. Mary's College are among the most respected and most well-prepared physical therapists entering the workforce. The college should be proud to be producing highquality health professionals, and should recognize the physical therapy program's director, instructors, students, and graduates as readily as it does all other individuals involved in undergraduate programs.
—Lisa Marie Nevis, M.P.T. '96

The Editor responds:
The magazine staff is aware that all alums want to read about their department, and we therefore try to be evenhanded in our coverage of all departments. The Mount Magazine has run at least two articles about the M.P.T. program recently. The first was headlined "Reputation of Master of Physical Therapy Degree Program Grows" in the winter 1997 issue, and the second was headlined "Students Share ABCs of PT" in the spring 1998 issue. Ⓜ

College Adds New Majors

Just in time for spring, new majors are blooming on the campuses of MSMC—two in Weekend College and one in the associate degree program.

For the first time since the Weekend College began in 1992, students have an opportunity to earn a baccalaureate degree in English or a double-major of English and business administration.

According to Merrill Rodin, director of the Weekend College, students circulated a petition to the administration requesting that these majors be added.

"Most of the Weekend College students are working adults familiar with the needs business has for employees with good critical thinking skills who can communicate well," says Rodin. "Because English majors acquire extensive experience in problem solving, research and organization, they have good backgrounds for teaching, law, business management and many other occupations requiring these abilities."

Another major developed in much the same way is graphic design in the associate of arts program. The two-year curriculum includes art fundamentals, drawing, computer graphics, graphic production and photography as well as required liberal arts classes to prepare students to begin a new career or transfer into a bachelors degree program.

"Many students realized how important computer-generated art is today and they asked the College to teach them this specialized skill," says Jody Baral, art department chair. The classes are offered on both campuses and while the program is designed for an associate of arts degree, some baccalaureate students are considering it for a minor. Ⓜ

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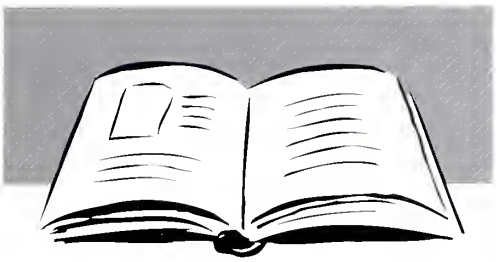
A Senior Senior

Who: Angelino Tabisola, the oldest graduate in MSMC history.
What: Liberal arts major, Weekend College, will be 80 years old when he receives his bachelor's degree in May 1999.
Why: Tabisola dreamed of earning a degree in higher education all his life.
How: Read about the Weekend College in his parish bulletin at St. Mel, Woodland Hills; has always wanted to attend a Catholic College.
Future plans: Hopes to find a job after graduation to help pay off his student loans.
Other: His favorite subject is history; he enjoys studying in the Coe Library where the students have accepted the "old man," as he calls himself. Ⓜ



Readers Say Magazine is Valuable Benefit

Thanks to those readers who participated in The Mount magazine's recent reader survey. The results showed that the vast majority of readers are pleased with the content and design of the magazine.

The quarterly magazine is distributed to 15,000 alumnae, parents, employees, students, donors, and friends of the College. A total of 1,460 surveys were sent to a representative group of these readers, and there was a 6 percent return rate. The majority of respondents said the magazine is better or much better than it was before the redesign in December 1997; and the writing, subjects, art, covers and layouts are good to excellent.

More than a quarter of the readers said they had taken action in some way based on something they read in the magazine. These actions ranged from volunteering at Carondelet Center to making a donation to the College. Nearly 100 percent of the readers said the magazine is a valuable benefit that the College provides.

In terms of the magazine's content, the editorial staff will do what it can to follow through on the readers' request for more campus news and more articles about students and faculty.

The respondents were offered a chance to win a Mount St. Mary's College sweatshirt as an incentive to return the survey. In the random drawing, 1948 alumna Yvonne Rousculp of Phoenix, Ariz., was selected and a sweatshirt was mailed to her.

The Mount in the Media

Mount St. Mary's recently received the following media coverage:

The Los Angeles Times—featured the MSMC Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in a two-page layout about the life and times of the Sisters at the Doheny Mansion (Nov. 22). Another Times article quoted Venetta Campbell, psychology lecturer, in an article on how to attain New Year's resolutions (Jan. 1).

YM magazine—featured an analysis of doodles by Lena Rivkin, art instructor, that demonstrates how people's personalities can be read through their doodles (Spring 1999).

Mademoiselle magazine—featured a graphological analysis by Lena Rivkin, art instructor, that analyzes personalities through their handwriting (January).

Entrepreneur Magazine—quoted Venetta Campbell, psychology lecturer, in an article on how to help stressed employees relax (November).

Chronicle of Higher Education—quoted Sister Karen M. Kennelly, president, on the U.S. Catholic Bishops' consideration of new guidelines on Catholic colleges' fidelity to church teachings (Nov. 27).

Los Angeles Weekly, Palisadian Post, Daily Breeze and Los Angeles Times—featured the Da Camera Society's concert, Sequentia, which celebrated the 900th birthday of Hildegard von Bingen (November).

KLCS—Dean Kilgour, admissions director, appeared on the television program "Connections" on a panel discussion about college admissions (Nov. 18).

KPCC—Wanda Teays, philosophy chair, appeared on the radio program "AirTalk" with Larry Mantle in a discussion about the medical and ethical implications of performance enhancing substances (Dec. 6).

National Catholic Reporter—published a review by Sister Karen M. Kennelly, president, of the book "The Feminization of the Church" (Oct. 16).

Catholic Library World—published "Women, the Forgotten Chapter in American Catholic Church History," an article written by Sister Karen M. Kennelly, president (Sept. 1998).

The Tidings—published an article about the beginning of the Mount's Millennium Series lectures (Nov. 20) and the beginning of the Da Camera Society's 1998-99 season (Oct. 23).

The Palisadian Post—featured Sande Bunce, sociology professor, and explained how she and nine other MSMC faculty members joined the 150 students of the baccalaureate freshmen class in cleaning up three elementary schools (Oct.29).

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Racial Dialogues Inspire Young Artist

Early in 1998, Mount St. Mary's College was selected by the Association of American Colleges and Universities as one of 50 colleges in the country to participate in the "Racial Legacies and Learning: An American Dialogue" initiative, part of President Clinton's Initiative on Race.

Soon afterward, students found themselves participating in online conferences with students across the country, holding town hall discussions, and attending workshops on race and ethnicity.

At the completion of these activities, eight students volunteered to serve as peer mentors to bring racial dialogues into high schools where they led discussions with younger students.

"The high school students were very inspired and didn't want the talks to end," says Dr. Pam Haldeman '86, sociology chair and coordinator for Racial Legacies projects at the Mount. "To offer additional ways to express themselves, we invited them to create art for a judged competition and promised to display the winning works at the College."

The resulting exhibit, "Racial Legacies: Perceptions from Los Angeles Youth," featured works by students from Garfield, Lynwood, Locke and South Gate High schools and was displayed in the College's José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery in December. More than 200 people viewed the show during its two-week engagement.

So successful was the exhibit, that it was one of 10 projects in the country selected for AAC&U's publication "Why Can't We Talk About Race," and Haldeman was one of four to serve on a panel describing the project at AAC&U's annual meeting in San Francisco in January.

Students view the exhibit, "Racial Legacies: Perceptions from Los Angeles Youth," displayed in the College's José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery.

Campaign Update

■ **The George I. Alden Trust** of Worcester, Mass., awarded a grant of $50,000 to be used toward the remaining costs of the Sister Magdalen Coughlin Learning Complex on the Doheny Campus. The grant will also help the College meet the Kresge Challenge. The Alden Trust was established in 1912 to support education, and specifically higher education. The Kresge Foundation issued a $500,000 Challenge Grant to assist in raising funds toward the construction of the Coughlin Complex. According to the conditions of the grant, the College must secure $2.6 million required to complete the funding of the Complex by Oct. 1, 1999.

■ **The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.** of New York, NY, awarded the College a three-year $150,000 grant to support the MSMC Center for Urban Partnership. The Center, funded by the Kellogg Foundation, is creating partnerships for community service with selected organizations in education, health, civic participation, and business. It is the partnerships in education that are being funded by the Luce Foundation. These partnerships are intended to give MSMC students the tools to influence public policy and to improve services to disadvantaged youth throughout the Los Angeles area. The students will enter a training program integrating service-specific information with management and leadership skills.

■ **Montgomery Street Foundation** of San Francisco awarded MSMC a $10,000 grant for scholarship assistance ("Opportunity Awards") to Doheny students who have been admitted via the Alternative Access program. This program serves students whose high school grade point averages and college admissions test scores are too low to qualify for immediate admission to college. It provides a strong learning support system which includes: courses to increase academic skills proficiency, academic and career counseling, tutoring and individualized/computerized instruction through the learning resource center, and financial aid. Nearly 70 percent of the students entering the program have earned an associate degree, compared with 10 percent in the Los Angeles Community College system. Between 75 to 80 percent of these students advance into a baccalaureate program at the Chalon Campus or another institution where they earn a degree.

■ **Jephson Educational Trust** of New York, NY, also awarded the College a grant of $10,000 for "Opportunity Awards" for Doheny students who have been admitted to MSMC via the Alternative Access program as described above.

■ **Employees Community Fund of Boeing California,** based in Long Beach, awarded the College a grant of $15,725 to support the 1998-99 Strides Toward Educational Proficiency program. STEP is one of many community outreach programs sponsored by Mount St. Mary's College. It is designed to motivate inner-city high school students to aspire to college and help them acquire the skills and attitudes necessary for success in collegiate studies. The target population is young women from inner-city neighborhoods, many of whom represent the first generation in their families to attend college. The STEP program combines a two-week summer session with continued mentoring during the school year.

■ **The Sister Catherine Therese Knoop Endowed Scholarship Fund** has received gifts in the amount of $8,900 to date. In order for the first Knoop scholar to be appointed, a minimum of $30,000 must be raised. Anyone wishing to donate to the scholarship may send a contribution to: E. Marita Sheeran, Director of Major and Planned Gifts, Mount St. Mary's College, 12001 Chalon Road, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

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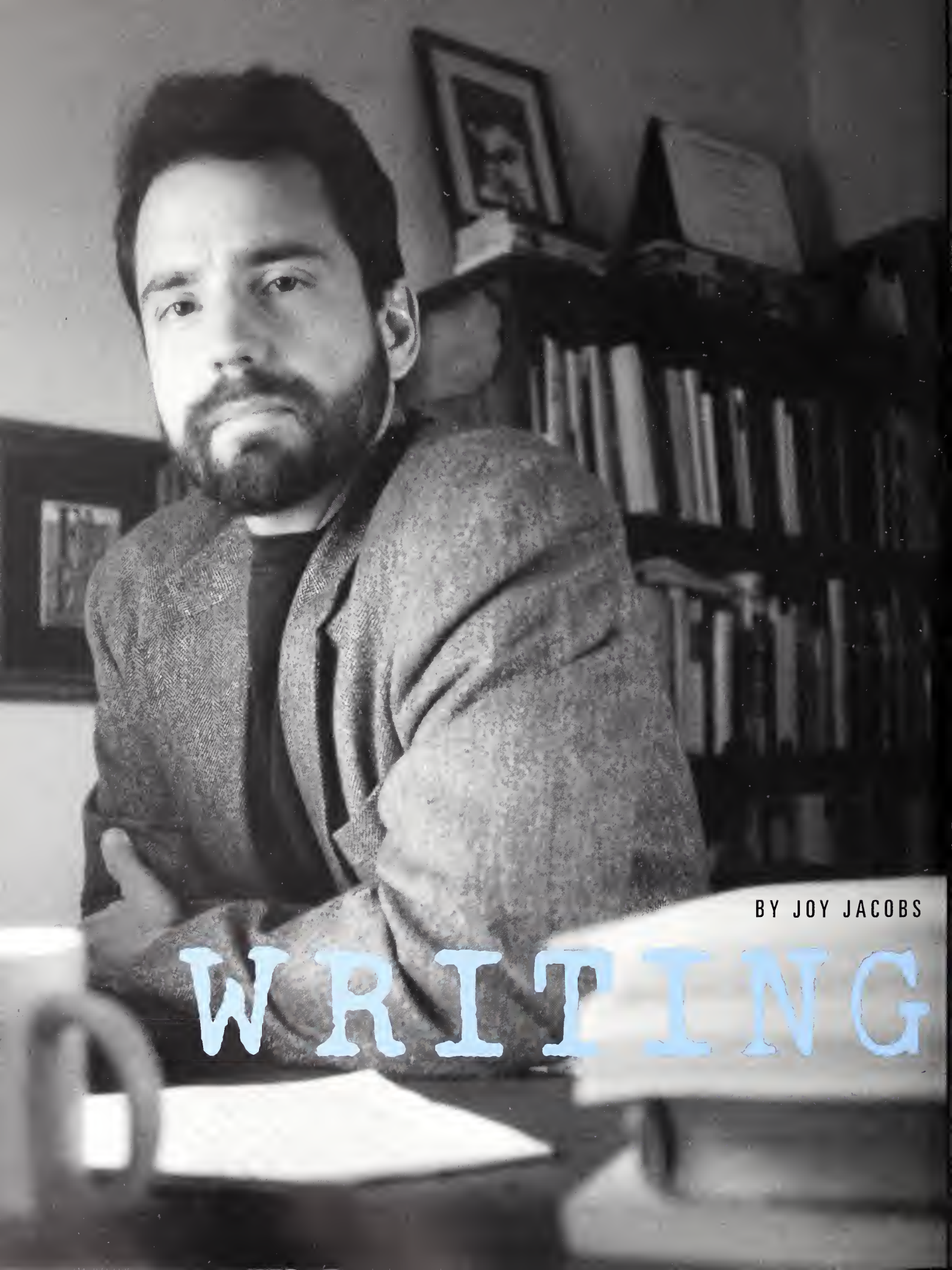
Current Progress Toward Campaign Goals

CATEGORY	GOAL	CASH/PLEDGES AS OF FEB. 28, 1999	BALANCE NEEDED
Facilities	$ 22,100,000	$ 17,141,868	$ 4,958,132
Financial Aid Resources	$ 9,500,00	$ 7,252,030	$ 2,247,970
Academic Program Renewal	$ 4,200,000	$ 7,549,542	($ 3,349,542) GOAL EXCEEDED
Annual Fund Growth	$ 4,200,000	$ 4,478,265	($ 278,265) GOAL EXCEEDED
Total Goal	**$ 40,000,000**	**$ 36,421,705**	**$ 3,578,295**



BY JOY JACOBS

WRITING

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It is still dark and quiet when Marcos McPeek Villatoro, the College's first Fletcher Jones Endowed Chair of Writing, arrives on the Chalon Campus each morning.

By 6 a.m. he is deeply engrossed in his laptop computer in a small, windowless office attractively bedecked with colorful artwork from Bolivia, Nicaragua and Guatemala, and photos of his wife and four young, lively, children. He will spend the next four hours undisturbed in this peaceful setting doing what he loves most: writing.

"I do my best work in the morning, before I start thinking about other things, like the world," he says. "I write all morning and then I am ready for another joy: teaching."

Novelist, non-fiction writer, poet, storyteller and guitarist, Villatoro, the son of parents from the Appalachian Mountains and El Salvador, describes himself as a Latino Southerner. He brings the richness of both cultures to his classroom where he encourages students to look into their own histories and start writing. To inspire them, he employs Brazilian educator Paulo Freire's methods which call for exploratory classroom dialogues, and promote self-awareness, self-confidence and a sense of empowerment.

"I refuse to lecture," Villatoro says. "At times I will bring in information about the texts we're reading, or I will talk about my experiences as a writer. But I prefer to promote classroom conversations, arguments, and group discussions. I hope the student will sense that this is her classroom. This can cultivate confidence in herself and her abilities to articulate opinions."

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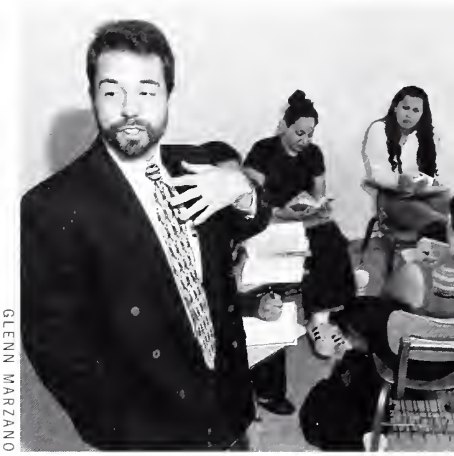
For students it is an entirely new approach.

"I've never had a class like it before," says sophomore Millicent Ongakco of the "Writing: Voice and View" course she took in the fall. "The classroom became an environment where students were encouraged to say and write whatever they wanted, and that made us unafraid to truly express ourselves."

Learning about new writers was of particular interest to junior Jaimie Jacobs, an English major. "We read great essays by modern writers we didn't always know, and that made many of us want to pursue writing even more," she said.



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Senior Hayley Raynes, an English major, says she learned more about writing in Villatoro's class than in any other she has ever taken. "I appreciate the way he urged us to take risks with our writing and not to hold back," she says. "And I was especially impressed when he completed the same assignments he gave us so we could compare our work."

Author of poems, essays and five novels, Villatoro plans to redesign the College's literary magazine, Mount Voices, to include the writing of students, faculty, staff, alums and writers in the Los Angeles writing community. "Our goal is to put together one of the finest college literary magazines in the country, one in which memory and story become art," he says.

He is also designing a writer's series and plans to bring nationally published authors to campus to meet with faculty, perform readings and visit classrooms.

"If students can meet writers actively participating in the development of the American literary canon, they will realize that people like themselves have become successful—and with work, many of them can do it too," he says.

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BY JOY JACOBS AND LAURA ZARAGOZA

For decades, the Mount St. Mary's College administration was made up entirely of sisters and they comprised more than half of the faculty and staff. Today, one-third of the College's Administrative Council, and five percent each of the faculty and staff are sisters. As Mount St. Mary's College approaches its 75th anniversary, the mission of the College may be carried out by more and more lay people. What brought us to these crossroads and how is the College preparing for this transformation?

A CULTURAL SHIFT

Much of the reason for the sister shortage is based on the cultural changes that began in the U.S. in the 1960s.

The idealism of the '60s prompted Sister Mary McKay '68, associate professor of religious studies, to become a sister in 1963, just about the time when all religious orders in the country started experiencing a downswing in membership. In fact, from 1965 to 1997, the numbers of nuns in the U.S. decreased 51 percent, and priests were down 17 percent, while the U.S. Catholic population increased nearly 31 percent.

"I think the '60s brought about a cultural shift that led to greater freedom for women," she says. "More opportunities became available to women, so they didn't have to restrict them-

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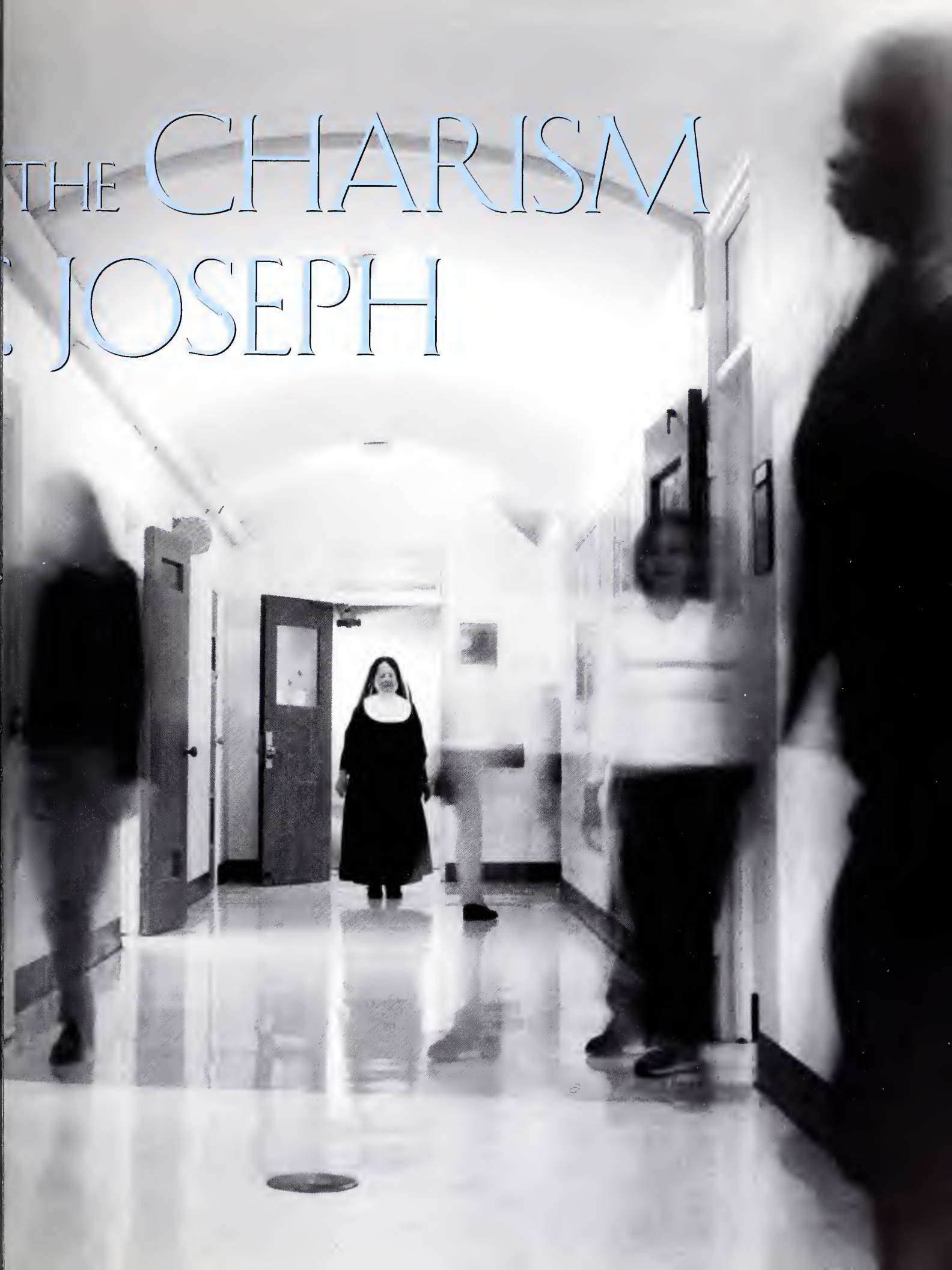

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selves to either getting married or becoming a woman religious."

In some cases, joining religious life was an avenue for a woman to exercise leadership and independence. "The women presidents of colleges and hospitals in those days were nuns," she says.

THE GOOD LIFE

The 1960s also saw the birth of a nation that placed a great deal of emphasis on the good life and less on spirituality.

"When people live in a wealthy country where attractiveness is defined by money, looks and power, religious life can be construed as boring and unattractive," says McKay. "It therefore comes as no surprise that Third World countries are the only ones currently experiencing an increase in candidates to religious communities."

Sister Mary Faith Clark, vicar of women religious for the Los Angeles Archdiocese, agrees that the consumer conscious mentality prevalent in the U.S. has led to a change in societal values. "The vows we have to take as women religious—poverty, chastity and obedience—are not values held in esteem by a lot of women in today's society," she says.

THE 'AGE OF THE LAITY'

Sociological reasons alone don't account for the evolution religious orders have undergone in the last 30 years. A contributing political force was the proclamation of the latter part of the 20th century as the 'age of the laity' by the Vatican II Council in the 1960s.

"The Catholic Church publicly proclaimed that it was time for the laity to become more involved in religious affairs," says McKay. "It opened the door to women who wanted to become active in the church without making a lifelong commitment."

Addressing this trend, Sister Thomas Bernard MacConnell, director of the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, says, "Basically, there are now new, more attractive ways of expressing religious life than ever before."

For example, lay men and women who wish to share in the sisters' ministry can become Sisters of St. Joseph Associates who promote the sisters' charism in their own lives and through volunteer activities, says Sister Claire Marie Williams, co-director of the program for the Los Angeles Province. "This way our mission reaches out into the community."

MEETING NEW CHALLENGES

While the focus on the laity created new opportunities for some, it had a significant impact on the Sisters of St. Joseph-sponsored health care, educational and social service facilities.

As there were fewer of them to serve in leadership positions, the sisters aggressively sought relationships with other organizations, such as health care systems and physician groups for their hospitals, which shared their values and have carried on their mission. In more than half of their K-12 schools and in their colleges, the principal or president is no longer a C.S.J., but often a sister from a different order or a member of the laity.

At Avila College in Kansas City, Mo., the administration faced that possibility a quarter of a century ago and has successfully maintained the charism over the decades.

Dr. Lawrence Kramer, president of the C.S.J.-sponsored Avila, is an example of how lay leadership is continuing a religious tradition. When he was inaugurated 25 years ago, he was very concerned about the direction of the college but he no longer worries about it. "By consensus of all involved, the sisters' values have remained the values of the institution and they are honored by the faculty, staff and alumni," he says. "They are displayed on posters around the campus, they are seen in the actions of all who serve this community, and they are ingrained in our mission," he says.

CHARISM AT THE MOUNT

As she looks ahead to her June 2000 retirement after 11 years as president at the Mount, Sister Karen M. Kennelly is sure the traditions of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet are integrally connected to the core of the College and would continue at the Mount if a lay president were ever appointed to lead the College. "Not only have we included this as a goal in the College's strategic plan, with strategies to achieve it, but it has been the focus for the steps our sponsors, the Sisters of St. Joseph, have been taking for many years," she explains.

"In 1979, for the first time, the 15 Sisters of St. Joseph colleges in America formed a consortium, not only to promote faculty and student exchanges, but to reinforce each other," Kennelly says. Three of those colleges have since closed.

This encouraged an in-depth study by Kathryn Miller, S.S.J., completed in 1994, which took a hard look at each of these colleges and determined five characteristics that distinguish them and define the charism of the sisters:

1) Hospitality and caring community
2) Concern for all without distinction
3) Addressing the needs of the times
4) Striving for excellence in all endeavors
5) Making a difference in the local and world community

The study offers 12 primary recommendations for retaining these attributes, such as teaching them at the institutions and working toward integration of the C.S.J. mission into the mission of each college.

"At the Mount, we discuss the history and describe the traditions of the C.S.J.s with new personnel at every orientation so our faculty and staff will understand and help carry out their mission," Kennelly says. "We also tell the story at our orientations for students."

Finding solutions for the future of the College is discussed frequently by the Mount's Board of Trustees. "It is always a topic on the table," says Sister Jill Napier '71 who chairs this board.

Maintaining the C.S.J. charism is so connected to the future of the College, that the Board is considering creating a position specifically designed around mission awareness and effectiveness, explains Napier. "This would be carried out through classes, workshops and activities that would involve the entire Mount community."

Los Angeles Provincial Superior Sister Maureen O'Connor '63 enthusiastically embraces this option, "When a person is charged with mission effectiveness, and shares the sisters' presence with the entire community, we will all become ministers in the future."

According to MacConnell, the absence of C.S.J.s in leadership positions does not mean that the philosophy of the community can't continue. "In fact," she says, "there's a maxim dating back to 1650 that states that the goal of the C.S.J.s is to advance great works to near completion and then withdraw. Being there, building something up and withdrawing—that's our mission." Ⓜ

THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH CONSORTIUM

Of the 15 colleges founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph across the nation, only three are still headed by a Sister of St. Joseph. The others are led by nuns from other orders, priests or lay men and women, and three have closed.

COLLEGES HEADED BY SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Chestnut Hill College
Philadelphia, Pa.

Elms College
Chicopee, Mass.

Mount St. Mary's College
Los Angeles, Calif.

COLLEGES HEADED BY SISTERS OF OTHER ORDERS OR PRIESTS

The College of St. Catherine
St. Paul, Minn.

Mater Dei College
Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Regis College
Weston, Mass.

COLLEGES WITH LAY PRESIDENTS

Aquinas College, Milton/Newton
Milton, Mass.

Avila College
Kansas City, Mo.

Fontbonne College
St. Louis, Mo.

Nazareth College of Rochester
Rochester, N.Y.

College of St. Joseph
Rutland, VT

The College of St. Rose
Albany, N.Y.

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Sight

By Heidi Hurskainen Robertson '94

ALUM'S VISUAL IMPAIRMENT OPENS HER EYES TO A NEW LIFE

It started slowly. First, she had trouble with her night vision. Then, she started bumping into walls and doors. She finally knew that something was seriously wrong with her sight when she tripped over her dad while he was kneeling down to fix a cabinet door.

Vickie Russell Kennedy '68 immediately saw a doctor, and was ultimately diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa. RP is an inherited eye disease that causes a gradual breakdown of the cones and rods in the retina—causing vision and color distortion, as well as "tunnel vision." The disease progresses at varying rates, and the extent of visual impairment varies; however, most people with RP eventually experience a total loss of vision.

It was a devastating diagnosis for an active 29-year-old. Because RP is rare—only about 100,000 people in the United States suffer from it—Kennedy had a hard time finding information on the disease and finding other people she could relate to.

"Learning to cope is half the battle. I often asked, 'Why me?'" she recalls. "But reflection and prayer helped a lot. I told God, 'Whatever's to be is to be, but please help me through this!'"

And now, 23 years later, Kennedy has no functional vision in her left eye and has limited sight in her right eye. Yet, even with a prognosis that eventually she will be totally blind, Kennedy says she is the happiest she's ever been.

"It's a loss and you have to deal with it," she says. "But the older I get, the more I've come to realize that everything happens for a purpose."

A music major at MSMC, Kennedy was an elementary and high school music teacher in Hawaii, then later worked for a publishing company in San Diego. By 1992, however, her vision had deteriorated so badly that it affected the quality of her work, so she decided to stop working. She and her husband then relocated to San Francisco. It was there that she got involved with The Foundation Fighting Blindness, a national organization that funds research on degenerative eye diseases such as RP.

Kennedy has served as volunteer president for the Foundation's Bay-area affiliate since 1995. In this role, she is a resource for those newly diagnosed with the disease, giving tips on everything from setting the table to getting a large-keypad telephone from the phone company. She also organizes support group meetings and fund-raisers.

"Being involved and helping others has given me a new lease on life," Kennedy says. "Someone told me, 'Vickie, you've turned this into your mission.' And I think I have. If it weren't for my visual impairment, I wouldn't have the kind of satisfaction I have with the work I'm doing."

And the work she's doing is significant. Kennedy has organized many fund-raisers and symposia on behalf of the Foundation and in support of degenerative eye-disease research. One of her most recent accomplishments was spearheading the printing and sale of a cookbook: "Famous Bay Area Chefs Cook with Vision." The book, which has an easy-to-read 14 point font, includes recipes from 32 of the most famous chefs in the San Francisco Bay Area. The first 500 cookbooks sold in only 10 days and it went into its second printing in February. Since the design and printing were donated, all the money raised went directly to the Foundation.

"The most important thing, though, is to make people aware of the Foundation and what we do," Kennedy stresses. "We were named No. 1 by the National Health Council for the percentage of dollars raised going to research and education. And even if I can't benefit from this research, at least the babies and teenagers with this disease will."

Kennedy also organizes an annual "Save Sight Sunday" symposium at UC Berkeley. She gathers doctors to discuss the latest research on degenerative eye diseases, as well as vendors to display and sell items that will help people make their lives a little easier.

"I now think that maybe it was meant for me to be visually impaired, so I could use my handicap to help people," she says. "This is my second career. This is my mission in life. And I am very happy."

For more information about retinitis pigmentosa or other degenerative eye diseases, contact:

THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
Executive Plaza I, Suite 800, 11350 McCormick Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031-1014, Toll Free: (888) 394-3937 TDD: (800) 683-5551
www.blindness.org

To order a copy of *Famous San Francisco Bay Area Chefs Cook with Vision*, contact Vickie Russell Kennedy at (707) 747-1008 or vreikok@aol.com

Those classes designated as Reunion Classes will celebrate their reunions Oct. 9. For more information, call Alumnae Relations at (310) 954-4087.

'39

Margaret Moran keeps busy with an art class and as editor of her parish newsletter and the Daniel Freeman Hospital Auxiliary Guild newsletter. She was awarded the Sister Mary Esther McCann Award, which is given to the volunteer whose work is accomplished "in the spirit of St. Joseph."

'45

Vincentia Ginevra Lesko helped her sister, **Beatrice Ginevra Langston '41**, celebrate her birthday in Laughlin, Nev., last September. She also enjoyed visiting her daughters in Ohio and Oregon.

Yvonne "Jackie" McDonald Schaper and her husband of 53 years enjoy their six children, 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

'46

Joan Cunningham writes from New York that '98 was a banner year for travel. She went to the Greek Islands, Israel and Istanbul in the spring, Los Angeles in June and the south of France in August.

For the second time, **Virginia Brown Marovich** won the Northern California Pro-Am Tournament in bowling. She also participated in the California Women's Senior Tournament in Visalia.

Helen Reimann Wood is proud of her husband, who was named Alumnus of the Year by St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif.

'47

Patricia Borchard Watson and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary with a party at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach last July.

'48

Marie C. Aguiar Lemke is enjoying her nine grandchildren and recovering from two falls and a subsequent knee replacement surgery. She says, "Aloha" to all her Mount friends.

Gerry Cassutt Monahan has volunteered as director of Fr. Seus's Pantry in San Juan Capistrano for the past 10 years. She also is a board member of Catholic Charities of Orange County, El Camino Health Clinic, South Orange County Community Health Enrichment Collaborative and the Diocesan Council of Orange County - Catholic Women. She and her husband are vitally interested in social justice.

'50

Genevieve de Grood Gorciak is director of the Torrance-Lomita Meals on Wheels, which has delivered more than 31,000 meals to housebound individuals.

Gloria Putman Stoica is enjoying her 12 beautiful grandchildren.

'51

Rose Marie Bachand Thomas and her husband enjoy traveling in their RV and celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary last November.

'52

Barbara Hartman Caraccio recently celebrated the birth of her first granddaughter.

Joan Murphy Maechling is the head of the RCIA program at St. John the Evangelist Church in Naples, Fla. She just finished planning and executing a reunion of more than 100 people from all over the country to celebrate her husband's 70th birthday.

Bernadette Gouveia Plotnikoff, program director of management development at the Child Abuse Prevention Center in Palo Alto, Calif., was inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame '98. Last September, she presented a poster display in New Zealand for the International Society for Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect.

'53

Camille Lutfy Donaldson is still working full-time in the personnel department for Bashas' Supermarkets in Chandler, Ariz.

'54 *Class Reunion*

Jeannette Gualano D'Andria is proud to announce that her daughter, **Theresa D'Andria '86** will soon graduate from Samra University of Oriental Medicine and she may travel to Beijing for the event.

Patricia Quinn Holt and her husband are enjoying their 22 grandchildren.

Mary Ross Kasimatis and her husband spent three weeks in Russia last June.

Jean Call Plinck, who frequently has lunch with **Eileen Nason Rhyner '32**, is enjoying her nine grandchildren.

Eileen Hainley Sauer and her husband, spent two weeks in London last November.

Joanne Schott was recently certified a Braille transcriber and plays the viola in three groups.

Joan Storm Sprug welcomed a new granddaughter in October.

Justine Weiher enjoyed a week-long visit from **Lillian Pereyra '53** last summer.

'55

Patricia Sanders Fontes is enjoying retirement and her 12 grandchildren, and is eagerly awaiting the birth of her first great-grandchild.

When she's not enjoying her nine grandchildren or substitute teaching, **Nancy Galt Haynoski** trains for the L.A. Marathon with her son and two daughters.

After 37 years in public health, **Barbara Schaper Mortley** retired as a supervising P.H.N. from the County of Orange (Calif.). She has relocated to Olathe, Kan., to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren, and volunteers in the crime analysis unit of the Overland Park Police Department.

'56

Peggy Coates Amante, who traveled to New Zealand, Tasmania and Australia over the Christmas holiday, also white-water rafted in California and camped in Glacier National Park last summer.

Joanne Dozier Best is retired, plays tennis daily and enjoys her 17 grandchildren. She and her husband celebrated Christmas '98 in Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

After 30 years, **Trudy Diggins Hayes** still enjoys playing pipe organ at Santa Clara Church in Oxnard, Calif.

'57

Alice Osti Carrier and her husband have retired to Las Vegas. They travel several times a year, visiting their four children and 12 grandchildren who live in California, Oregon and Washington.

Retired from teaching for L.A.U.S.D. in July 1995, **Katherine L. Daly** volunteers for an elementary school and an animal rescue group.

Myra Pestana Silversparre, a public health nurse for the City of Pasadena Health Department, is enjoying her three sons and five grandchildren.

'58

Margaret Ward Montante traveled to Ephesus, Istanbul, Athens and the Greek Isles.

Carol Crawford Weidenkopf is enjoying retirement by volunteering at her church and spending time with her six grandchildren.

'59 *Class Reunion*

Dorothy Schaefer Steege, who continues to teach in Garden Grove, recently welcomed her third grandson.

'60

Patricia Reap Dern recently earned her master's degree in special education and is enjoying her 13 grandchildren.

Betty Mayhew Logsdon enjoys volunteering in critical care at St. John's Hospital, as well as learning about investing in an investment club she has joined.

Judy Scherb Skraba is actively involved in her community: She is a member of the Water Advisory Board and president of the San Juan Capistrano Valley Republican Women Federated. She is a substitute teacher for the San Juan Capistrano Unified School District, works part-time at a bookstore and traveled to Australia and New Zealand in January.

Lucinda Power Wallace and her husband are very involved in hot-air ballooning.

'61

Phyllis Lieb Ambrose is proud of her daughter Janis, who has enrolled in the Mount's Weekend College.

Mary Collins Pizzorno and her husband visited their daughter, son-in-law and new grandson in Germany last year. They also traveled through Holland, Germany and Austria last June on a two-week riverboat cruise.

Kathleen Snedden Williams has retired after 37 years of community nursing, with more than 25 years in school nursing.

Sharon Lisle Writer has retired from teaching and is working for her eldest son, who is an orthodontist.

'62

In her 34th year as an elementary school teacher, **Mary K. Norton Butler** was an educational delegate to a literary conference held in South Africa.

Celeste Hendrick Farnsworth is eagerly awaiting the birth of her first grandchild.

Mary Fonteyn Roldan is teaching language arts for sixth- and eighth-graders at George McCann Catholic School in Visalia, Calif.

Retired from teaching and school nursing, **Patricia Diltz Wallace** is involved with Renew 2000 and teaches C.C.D. classes at her parish.

'63

Marilynn Murray is employed by L.A. County, working with emotionally disturbed high school students in a special day class at San Gabriel High School.

'64 *Class Reunion*

Cindy Galbraith Buzan retired in December from St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation. She and her husband are building a home in Ruidoso, N.M., and are planning to move there this spring.

Kathleen Earl Principe is enjoying the "good life" of retirement.

'65

Keri Szilagyi McLain is CEO of the YWCA of Santa Clara Valley.

'66

Sandra Pawlowski Comouche has enjoyed a year full of traveling: Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas, Lake Tahoe, Hawaii, San Francisco, Denver, and Sedona, Ariz.

Pam Hallenbeck Litz is teaching again - one class of advanced placement math for her son's sixth grade class at Our Lady of Malibu School.

Susan Schanz Rausch, liturgy coordinator at Holy Family parish in Frederick, MD, and her husband have made several trips to Bonn, Germany, to visit their daughter who is studying there.

Mary Scoville Steinberg, a college health nurse at Citrus College, also works

at Cal State L.A. in a research-based high-risk infant and family project, and is a docent for the Huntington Art Gallery.

'67

Shari Pieczarka Duron and her husband bought 20 acres of beautiful wooded land in Northern California to telecommute, grow orchids in their greenhouse and, when time allows, relax!

In February 1998, **Ann Hohman Brinton** became a first-time grandmother.

'68

Collette Ecker Brooks will complete her master's degree program in fine arts this March.

Mary J. Vore Frinell, is a vascular nurse/ultrasound technologist, also volunteers with SMART - a reading program for children.

Carol Feloney Garibay is teaching third grade in Fontana, Calif. Last July, she earned her master's degree in English language development from Azusa Pacific University. She enjoyed visiting with former roommate, **Carol Huber '68**, at their 30th class reunion.

'69 Class Reunion

Teaching second grade and serving as the school improvement coordinator, **Maureen Peverada Chris** visited her daughter in Boston for a fall foliage tour of New England in October.

Working at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Wilmington, Del., as liturgy coordinator and director of music, **Mary Barnidge Johnston** is enjoying her four grandchildren and trying to get her three children through college.

'70

Carla Mabey Bouchard now lives in Davis, Calif., and works for the State of California's Children's Medical Services as the only nutrition consultant. Carla travels statewide and would love to see classmates during her travels.

Marsha Corrigan Maulhardt is having a great time as room mom for her son's first grade class. She spent two years organizing a Corrigan family reunion, which was attended by relatives from all over the world.

Jean Dixon Helwing and her husband have relocated to Lake Sunaper in Newbury, N.H.

Barbara Jones Barenfeld earned the designation as a certified developmental disabilities nurse. She has been a case manager for people with developmental disabilities for the past 12 years,

Kathleen Prindle Armitage enjoys her two grandchildren, sings in her parish choir, and serves on the parish pastoral council and liturgy committee. However, her most rewarding volunteer job is delivering Meals on Wheels and chatting with her clients.

'71

Loretta McBride Musselman continues in ministry of bereavement and works as a clinical nurse specialist in mental health/private practice.

'72

Joanne Jabuka D'Amico has a real estate business with her husband in the Palos Verdes/San Pedro area. She recently visited with **Molly Coy Little '72**.

Kathleen Greaney Delgado, who continues to teach eighth grade full-time, plans to complete her master's degree in education at MSMC this May.

Nueda Bernabe Heibler, who still works as a microbiologist at Hackensack (N.J.) University Medical Center, recently celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows and a trip to Austria.

'73

Diane Rowland Hays and her husband celebrated their 20th anniversary in Kauai.

'74 Class Reunion

Fran Ruth, a manager with Pacific Bell, has been accepted into the master's degree program in theology at Loyola Marymount University. She hopes to teach theology with a special emphasis on the parables.

Patricia Weisser Reno has worked in pediatrics at Northridge Hospital for more than 24 years.

'75

Mary Beth Depp Blackett was recently named principal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Riverside. She is enjoying her second year in the Diocese of San Bernardino.

Carol Neel recently moved to Reno from Lamoille, Nev., to be closer to her parents.

Recently retired from the L.A. Visiting Nurses Association, **Mary Ann Vekich** is now working part-time as a case coordinator at the newly developed Behavioral Health Care Center at Kaiser Permanente's regional center in Pasadena.

'76

Maureen McCoy Barich works as a clinical research associate at Paragon Biomedical along with two other Mount alums - **Arlene Dominguez Genzel '77** and **Liza Pighin Wallace '77**.

Barbara Platte Bucher was recently named director of Olsten Health Services-Staffing in Los Angeles.

Kathy Snider, a professor of pediatric nursing at L.A. Valley College, is the co-author and co-editor of two nursing textbooks.

'77

Terry Lewis Del Carlo works in labor and delivery at a local hospital and is an assistant professor at Sonoma State University, where she coordinates the O.B. clinical rotations for the nursing department.

Edna Dodson Dixon chaired the medical services committee of the Healthier Communities Organization in Sun City, Calif. Her committee produced a 15-category resource directory aimed at helping people in her community get the information and services they need.

Toni Gullotti Duchene says her Mount education has helped her teach more than 400 children to read in her work as a first-grade teacher at SS. Simon & Jude School in Huntington Beach.

Retired from L.A.U.S.D., **Rosa Fernandez** has moved to Fresno to help her widowed daughter.

Yvette Marcos Luque is retired but is active as a volunteer on the board of directors for Public Health Foundation of Los Angeles and as a committee member for the Visiting Nurses Association.

'79 Class Reunion

Lorraine Marshall Wright, after many years of independent marketing consulting, has joined the Parallax Group as a principal consultant.

'80

Lorry Lay Belhumeur was recently promoted to program director of Western Youth Services, a nonprofit children's mental health agency, where she oversees four outpatient children's programs and supervises more than 20 clinicians.

Mara Wesel Meschkat loves the change she made from working as an endoscopy nurse to selling endoscopy accessory equipment for Wilson-Cook Medical.

Terry Rhodehamel had her poetry published twice in Art/Life magazine.

'81

Carol Fisk Bennett, a hematology supervisor at Whittier Hospital, and her husband are fixing up a five-bedroom home they bought last May. They recently traveled to Florida with their two sons.

Marilou Monsalud Fabro is a nurse at Daniel Freeman Hospital and Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Baldwin Park, Calif.; she also keeps busy with her three grade-schoolers.

Working at Santa Monica/UCLA Medical Center in perinatal testing and labor and delivery, **Karen Andros Jarrett** also keeps busy with three daughters.

Mary Saenz is near completion on a master's degree in educational technology.

Alumnae Association Q and A

Q. What is the status of the Alumnae Endowed Scholarship Fund?

A. The Alumnae Association has actually endowed two scholarship funds.

The largest scholarship fund, called the Alumnae Opportunity Grant Endowed Scholarship, was endowed in 1992 and matched by a challenge grant from the Irvine Foundation. Each year, this fund is able to grant more than $50,000 to needy students.

A smaller fund, the Alumnae Endowed Scholarship Fund, is able to make an annual legacy grant to any child of an alum attending the Mount at either the Doheny or the Chalon campus. This scholarship was originally funded by the annual Alumnae Fashion Show and now receives royalties from the Mount/MBNA affinity credit card program.

Q. Are there other Alumnae Scholarships?

A. Yes. Due to the generosity of over 20 individual alums and family foundations, scholarships exist that granted more than $150,000 last year. In addition, the African American Alumnae Network sponsors the Endowment for African Americans in Science and Technology. For information about establishing an endowed or annual scholarship, call Institutional Advancement at (310) 954-4095.

Gloria Quintana-Bennett, who has an A.N.C. certification in community health nursing, works as a nurse consultant for Child Protective Services in Palm Springs.

Ellen Eccleston Sletten volunteers frequently at her church, for her children's school and for community charities. She also enjoys competing on her hunter/jumper horses, swimming and playing tennis.

'82

Jean Bidwell is still in pursuit of the "yet elusive" fine arts career. When she's not working as a fire and casualty insurance agent, she is creating watercolor paintings that have hung in her solo exhibitions.

Now living in Camarillo, Calif., with her husband and two daughters, **Theresa Diener-Cote** works as a physical therapist for Western Consulting and Ancillary Services.

'83

Barbara Buhs recently purchased a new home in Fullerton.

Deborah Alvarez Donis, now living in Olympia, Wash., loves the rain and is looking forward to snow.

Lillian Gutierrez Newman is happily married and enjoying her four children.

'85

Bertha Diaz Somoano works as an emergency room nurse at Downey Community Hospital and keeps busy with her two children.

Beth Colbert Moline, who was a Mosely Scholar in the master's degree program in nursing at UCLA, became a family nurse practitioner in 1996 and has since moved to Indiana.

Bertha Salazar Herrera, an elementary school teacher for the past 13 years, is proud of her husband Rudy, who is attending Weekend College at MSMC.

Kathy Irvine Weiner loves her job as a physical therapist; she is glad to see her daughter, Karen Morelock, working at Coe Library on the Chalon campus.

'86

Joan Davis Coapman had a fantastic time traveling to Sweden, Germany, Austria and Italy from September to October last year.

Rose Mary Garrone continues to work as maternal child case manager at Sierra Vista Medical Center in San Luis Obispo.

'87

Irene Kusobov Saschin enjoys living in Sonoma County and devoting her time to being a full-time mom to her two daughters.

'88

Lori Koutouratsas Canning has been married since 1989 and is a full-time mom to three children - one boy and two girls.

Michele Bodurka Miller hopes her new baby girl will attend the Mount someday!

Madelon Mackey Zegers had an "awesome" experience visiting China last year.

'89

Joanne Bartolotti is technology coordinator and computer teacher for third- through eighth-graders at Our Lady of Visitacion School. She also is enrolled in the master's program for education technology at the University of San Francisco.

Monica Quintero de Bond was married in September in La Jolla, then enjoyed a romantic honeymoon in Positano, Rome, and Paris.

Desiree Ertle Ritter is the house supervisor of nursing at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

'90

Sophie Marie Herrick Castro is recovering from a series of strokes. She is an independent kitchen consultant for The Pampered Chef, working part-time as a nutrition counselor and medical assistant, and hoping to finish her fifth year of medical school within the next two years.

Angela Lindberg has taken a new job at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.

'91

After having a son born with cerebral palsy, **Ruby Tsang-Cheung** has become a parent mentor with Support for Families with Children with Disabilities.

'92

Ann-Marie White Medeiros earned her master's degree in information systems from Hawaii Pacific University last July. She is enjoying her new job with Hawaii Medical Service Association, working on the Y2K project.

Trudi Morgan Saltamachio completed her pupil personnel services credential in school counseling in 1997 and now works part-time at Washington Middle School in Encinitas, Calif.

'93

Kirsten Schleininger Barnes earned her master's degree in counseling from Fresno Pacific University in 1998. She is now counselor at Earl F. Johnson Continuation High School in Hanford, Calif.

Dina Villa recently spent a month in Saudi Arabia as a guest of the royal family in order to treat the king's sister and cousin, who had sustained strokes. Dina traveled with a team of therapists from Daniel Freeman Hospital.

In August 1998, **Bernadette Villa Wagner** earned a master's degree in nursing, as well as a family nurse practitioner degree, from Azusa Pacific University.

'94

Jennafer Dorfman graduated from Columbia Law School and passed the California State bar exam a year ago and is now an attorney who represents the civil rights of people with mental health and developmental disabilities.

Deidre George-Mullins was chosen by the Glendale, Calif., Rotary Club to participate in an exchange program with India as part of the "Polio Pulse" program for a month in January 1998. She inoculated children against the polio virus.

Erica Jager is working for Netscape Communications as a training coordinator.

Julie Sanchez has worked for the last two years as human resources associate for the United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

'95

A medical/surgical nurse at USC University Hospital, **Marie Anne Legaspi** also volunteers as a Red Cross nurse and as an MSMC alumnae board trustee.

'96

Sylvia Garcia is working for the city of L.A.'s Community Development Department Kulick Youth Opportunities Program. She is a case manager assistant, helping "at-risk" youth within the Watts area receive educational and employment training.

Jennifer Mante graduated from the master's program in physical therapy at Columbia University in June 1998.

'97

Montgomery Lunn recently produced a legal conference for more than 1,000 people in Beverly Hills.

Veronica Salmeron is in her second year of teaching and is attending graduate school at Loyola Marymount University.

Uyen P. Tran taught first grade for eight months and is now substitute teaching at Chadwick School in Palos Verdes.

'98

Elizabeth Guevara Kelemen has moved to Las Vegas and is working as an RN in a cardiac step-down unit.

Vital Statistics

REQUIESCANT

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'31 Mathilde Pellegrin Clem
'33 Marion Solury Scalzo
'35 husband of Patricia O'Connor Hickey
'46 sister of Marion Hills Farrell and Frances Hills Sorrentino '50
'46 husband of Catherine Johannes Sterk
'49 Sister Helen Hambley, CSJ
'49 brother of Katherine Williams Taylor
'49 husband of Mary Ann Lu Yu
'52 mother of Ann Spaulding Donlin
'52 husband of Eileen Micklish Hempfling
'54 husband of June Swithen Beebe
'56 husband of Nora Higgins Masterson
'57 husband of Maria Silva Erickson
'66 father and brother of Tina Von der Ahe Brown
'66 mother of Kathleen Cole Smith
'67 mother of Pamela Humphrey Hoefling
'67 husband of Adrienne Barden Toth
'68 father of Kathryn Macek
'70 Carol Laderer
'78 father of Karen Darling Ward
'83 parents of Raynette Baca
'83 father of Claire Rostek
'86 mother of Pam Haldeman
'95 Lisa Wieghorst
'98 grandmother of Dawn CeDillos Harlow

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

TWO BY TWO

The Alumnae Association extends best wishes to the following alumnae and their spouses:

'78 Naola Miller to Gregory Vershay
'85 Laurie Sherwood to Bart Kerr
'94 Deidre George to Sandy Mullins
'95 Silvia Rivera to Myron Hammond
'98 Dawn CeDillos to David Harlow
'98 Elizabeth Guevara to Jeffrey Kelemen

BY-LINES

The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to these alumnae and their spouses on the births of their children:

'80 Rae Nicole to Lorry Lay Belhumeur, 2nd child, 2nd daughter
'82 Marisa Rose to Lisa Kimble Edmonston, 3rd child
'82 Thomas Filemon Yoshio to Janice Hasegawa Verdin, 2nd child, 1st son
'83 Jasmine Nicole to Donna Booker-Dennis
'85 Makena Sierra to Dorothy Pagtama Low, 1st child
'86 Michael to Karen Reyes Buenaventura, 4th child, 2nd son
'86 Samuel to Diana Castro Vargas, 2nd child, 2nd son
'88 Kelly Ann to Michele Bodurka Miller, 3rd child, 1st daughter
'88 Russell Stephen to Donna Buus Smith, 1st child
'89 Cameron Jane to Veronica Kelley-Hickman, 2nd child
'89 Ashlynn Paige to Desiree Ertle Ritter, 1st child
'89 Conor Matthew to Michele Benson Starkey, 1st child
'89 Gregory Joel to Mary Blanche Victor, 1st child
'89 Gianna Kay to Jennifer Payad Wright
'91 Michael to Mary-Heather Barnes Kahklen, 1st child
'92 Taylor Marie to Denise Fisher Nial, 1st child
'94 Grace Ann to Cari Messer Cassaday, 1st child
'95 Julia Katherine to Jodi Sisson Lewis
'95 Catherine Marie to Constance East MacArthur, 1st child

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Partial view from the east.

A Change in Plans

When the founding Sisters hiked up the steep, ungraded hill of the proposed Mount St. Mary's College site in the summer of 1927, they were taken by its beauty and panoramic views of mountains, skyline and the Pacific Ocean.

Purchased from the Rodeo Land and Water Company of Los Angeles for $162,000, the 36-acre investment was soon placed in the hands of architect Mark Daniels who was contracted to develop a master architecture plan for the entire campus.

His initial drawings depict a scheme of buildings resembling a fortress which, he explained, would be "surrounding patios, quadrangles and terraces, succeeding one another up the slope of the hill and culminating in the Chapel terrace, flanked on the east and west by the residence hall and faculty building." All the structures were intended to adopt Spanish architecture, with a combination of Gothic and Renaissance styles.

But the Chalon Campus was destined for a different look. Crowning the top of a spur of the Santa Monica Mountains, the Campus is more mission-looking than castle-like. Although the design Daniels originally proposed was never realized, his propensity for proportion and symmetry is what contributes to the beauty of the Campus today. Ⓜ

Save the Date

April

Saturday, April 10
Faculty Recital
8 p.m.
Little Theater, Chalon Campus
For more details, call the Music Department, (310) 954-4265.

Saturday, April 24
A Millennium Workshop:
Theology In and For a Lay Church
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Donohue Center, Doheny Campus
For more information, call (213) 477-2640.

May

Saturday, May 1
Spring Choral Concert
8 p.m.
Mary Chapel, Chalon Campus
For more details, call the Music Department, (310) 954-4265.

Saturday, May 15
L.A. Chamber Singers
8 p.m.
Mary Chapel, Chalon Campus
For more details, call the Music Department, (310) 954-4265.

Monday, May 17
Commencement
7 p.m.
Shrine Auditorium

Saturday, May 29
Liturgical Composers Forum
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Chalon Campus
For more details, call the Music Department, (310) 954-4265.

June

Sunday, June 13
Anniversary Tea and Mansion Tour
2 p.m.
Doheny Mansion Gardens
Celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Alumnae Association. Contact Alumnae Relations for registration information, (310) 954-4087.

Friday, June 18 - Sunday June 20
Alumnae Spa Weekend
Chalon Campus
Check into Carondelet Hall for a complete weekend of classes, lessons, tour of the Getty Center and use of equipment and facilities in the Chalon Fitness Center. For registration packet, contact Alumnae Relations, (310) 954-4087.

July

Sunday, July 25
Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social
3 p.m.
Carondelet Center
Alumnae are invited to visit with the retired nuns. Contact Alumnae Relations for more information, (310) 954-4087.